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Dentists  
HealthCheck Agencies  
HMOs and Other Managed Care  
Programs

## **Dental Sealants For Children No Longer Require HealthCheck Exam -** Effective January 1, 1998

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Provisions of 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, the state biennial budget, authorized dental sealants as a Medicaid covered service for children under age 21 without HealthCheck screens. Therefore, starting January 1, 1998, Wisconsin Medicaid no longer requires a HealthCheck exam before a recipient receives sealants.

Wisconsin Medicaid covers sealants (ADA procedure code 01351) for a child once every three years. The Medicaid prior authorization requirements for sealants remain the same:

- Prior authorization for sealants is not required for first and second molars (tooth numbers 2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30, and 31).
- Prior authorization for sealants is required for sealants on all other teeth (tooth numbers 1, 4-13, 16, 17, 20-29, 32, A-T, and SN). After January 1, 1998, providers no longer have to submit documentation of a HealthCheck referral with a prior authorization request.

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